

Stewardship FAQs

Q. Why do we pledge?

A. We pledge every spring so our Board and staff can create a budget for next year. Your pledge is vital to planning the great work we can do in the coming year! We vote on the budget at our annual meeting in June. Your input is valued. **Your pledge is private, but the Society's needs are public and important.**

Q. How and when do I pledge?

A. Fill out a pledge card or pledge online at uusociety.org/donate. This year's campaign runs from mid-March through mid-April. Pledge early!

Q. How do I decide how much to pledge?

A. We ask you to pledge as generously as you can *for your circumstances*. Here is a link to the guide the UUA uses to help UUs decide how much to pledge: goo.gl/5rBziQ

Q. I'm not a member. Do I need to pledge?

A. We have many in our congregation who are not (yet) members and who pledge, as a reflection for the value this Society holds in their lives. We encourage you to pledge and also to join as a member to deepen your connection to First UU.

Q. Is cash in the plate OK?

A. Cash in the plate does not take the place of a pledge. We split the cash 50/50 between our FUUSB general fund and a different nonprofit each week. For your 'cash in the plate' to count towards your pledge, you need to put it in an envelope (from your pew) with your name on it.

Q. I volunteer a lot. Do I still need to pledge?

A. Our Society values your contribution of volunteer time immensely. However, your contribution of financial resources helps us provide staffing, programs and resources to fulfill our mission and help you do work you're passionate about at First UU.

Q: When does this pledge take effect, and when do I start paying toward my pledge?

A: You will start paying toward your pledge on July 1, 2019 and have until June 30, 2020 to fulfill your pledge.

Q: How do I pay my pledge?

A: You may pay your pledge by putting a check in the basket on Sunday morning or mailing a check to the Society office. You may also pay your pledge by charging it to your credit card or by setting up an automatic deduction from your bank account. You may set this up by going to our website. You may also pay your pledge with a donation of appreciated securities or from a donor advised fund.

Q. What if my financial situation changes after I pledge?

A. If your financial situation changes significantly - either increasing in resources or decreasing - your pledge might need to change. If this is the case, please contact Christina in the First UU office to adjust your pledge amount.